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THE FIRST ROUND.

The defeat of the Tuttle charter bill was not a defeat of the principles of the republican party, but was rather a victory for the budding fraternity allied with the democratic party. In the contest the Astoria democrats had the advantage. While the principal features of the Tuttle charter bill were approved and endorsed by a large number of the citizens of Astoria irrespective of party affiliations, yet it was denied a fair consideration in the legislature. The bill passed both houses by a large majority, which was an indication of popular feeling in Astoria on the merits of the charter bill, but with a democratic governor, who has always been willing to be the subservient tool of the gang of democratic politicians who have to a great extent controlled the political affairs of the city and county, aided and abetted by weak-minded republicans, when it came to passing the charter over the veto of a democratic politician, the republicans had the short end of the stick.

While it is true that there were one or two provisions of the Tuttle charter bill that ought to have been eliminated, and which antagonized the democratic mayor and republican councilmen against it, the bill as a whole was approved by a very large majority of the tax payers of the city who have voiced their sentiments against a corrupt political ring, dominated by a corrupt police force in the interests of democratic supremacy. The provisions referred to and upon which the principal fight was made, was the section cutting off the salaries of the mayor and councilmen. Every man elected to an office upon a state salary is entitled to that salary during his term of office and every man that seeks to deprive him of a just and reasonable compensation for services rendered is doomed to defeat should he ever be an aspirant for a political office.

The Tuttle charter bill was simply the first round in the battle for political supremacy. It may not be possible to secure legislation in the interests of the community, but the people can be educated up to opposition to political chicanery and grafting existing under their very nose and eyes in the management of city affairs. There are many important exposures that will be made between now and the city election. It is very probable that many of the votes now controlled by the democratic machine may be compelled to seek fields new and pastures green and ply their vocations in some isolated precinct where the laws are not enforced, the same as they have been enforced in Astoria. It is within the range of human possibility that the people may be educated up to a realizing sense of the utter disregard for the enforcement of laws in the city of Astoria that are now protected by a democratic ring and a democratic police force. If the people of Astoria, and particularly the republicans, desire to endorse and support a rotten and corrupt political ring, it is their privilege, but there are a large number of intelligent voters in Astoria, who when the facts are published, will withdraw their support from a political ring dominated over by one man in the interests of gambling and prostitution. If after a campaign of education along the lines herein outlined, the majority of the people desire the continuance in power of this element of corrupt politicians and their disreputable cohorts, and it is endorsed at the polls, then will the fight be abandoned and the democratic political ring maintained in power.

The Astorian has confidence in the honor and manhood of the majority of the respectable element of Astoria to believe that they do not desire the government of the city to remain in the hands of the lawless element and open violators of the law simply to maintain the supremacy of the democratic party. The democrats have won a temporary victory aided and abetted by a democratic governor and ring

politicians, but such conditions of affairs will not always exist and the end is bound to come in due time. The fight has been forced upon the republicans by misrepresentation and deceit. The democratic victory has been celebrated by the low and vicious as an endorsement of the wide-open policy of the city of Astoria. To bring this matter to an issue it is necessary to fight fire with fire. It has now become the duty of the proper officers to enforce the laws that are daily violated in the city. If revenues can not be derived from legitimate sources then the expenses of the city can be materially reduced by cutting off unnecessary police officers, salaries of political pets and superintendents of construction of public buildings, all of which is a graft. If the business of the city must be run by fines received from violating the laws, to the disgrace of the city, then it is time to inaugurate a new system under the semblance of decency. Of course criminals who contribute to the democratic campaign fund in lieu of immunity from arrest may be the dominating influence that keeps the democratic party in power, but law and order, supported by decency will ultimately triumph and Astoria's political atmosphere purified, making it a decent place for a man to raise a family without being constantly beset by contaminating influences of vice and crime.

These facts will be published in due time, and if after a thorough exposure of the present condition of affairs where vice and crime is protected by a democratic ring and police force, the citizens are satisfied with the management of public affairs they can so decide by their votes. This question must be settled and the proper officers will be compelled to strictly enforce all laws enacted for the protection of the public.

PUBLIC OPINION.

The persistence of the United States senate in refusing to ratify the arbitration and reciprocity treaties negotiated by the administration with various European nations, and the expressed determination to defeat railroad rate legislation at this session, notwithstanding the house of representatives passed the Townsend-Esch bill almost unanimously, proves that the upper branch of congress has ceased to be truly representative of public opinion. Not being elected directly by the people, it evidently does not feel the full weight of its responsibility to them. Special interests, which have frequently been the potent factors determining the choice of state legislators, apparently have more influence than the plain voters with many senators, and count for much more than the executive, the house of representatives, commercial and civil organizations, the press, or even mass meetings. James G. Blaine and William McKinley both advocated tariff reciprocity in the most powerful and convincing manner before ending their activities, yet treaties formulated upon the lines laid down by those great republican leaders have been pigeon holed in the senate committees for years. The Hay-Bond reciprocity treaty with Newfoundland is practically dead, emasculated out of existence by "amendments" destroying its vitality, so that it is no longer desirable to secure its ratification even if it were possible. Moreover, the so-called amendments are all designed to protect special interests, such as the coal and iron trusts, at the expense of American consumers. The half-dozen or so pending arbitration treaties are also virtually nullified by an amendment changing the word "agreement" to "treaty" which simply means that a special treaty must be negotiated in every instance and submitted to the senate for ratification before any question can be submitted to an arbitration tribunal, no matter how trivial it is. And this notwithstanding the fact that the interests of the United States have been amply safeguarded in the pending conventions, so that no important matter affecting the sovereignty or other vital concern of the nation can possibly be jeopardized. Only questions of administrative or constructive detail could be arbitrated under the proposed treaties. To call for a preliminary reference to the senate in every instance would simply be to continue the present system, and it would be more straightforward to reject the treaties outright than to "amend" them in the disingenuous manner now adopted.

Governor Chamberlain yesterday approved the Mayger fish bill, which passed the senate Thursday. This is the bill adopted by the joint fishing committee between Oregon and Washington that met at Olympia. The bill meets with the approval of all the cannermen, fishermen, trappers and sealers on the lower Columbia. An effort was made by some of the Cello contingent to defeat the bill, but their efforts were unavailing. It is considered one of the best fish bills ever passed.

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The Oregon disgrace has adjourned. Let everyone join in singing the doxology.

Josephine Smith's yawp has been closed. It is to be hoped that it will never be opened again.

You can't always tell from the first round how the fight is going to terminate.

No party supported by violators of law can remain in power for an indefinite period.

Police Commissioner Carney desires to announce that he is not a candidate for re-election.

Jack and Jim will be home today and they will explain how it happened Jay will also be home.

Well, we saved the fish bill out of the wreck and Seufert can now go home and ponder over the uncertainty of legislation.

Chief Hallock has notified Police Commissioner Carney to hand in his resignation.

The democratic contingent and their republican allies have returned from Salem. Funeral obsequies will be announced later.

H. G. Van Dusen is still master fish warden. Will some one kindly notify Frank Seufert.

A Chicago man killed his wife because she refused to go to church. One would hardly expect a Chicagoan to develop such extreme puritanical traits.

A bunch of love letters written by King Solomon to the queen of Sheba is said to have been unearthed in a catacomb. And now poor Mrs. Solomon is where she can never get her revenge in a divorce court.

A clergyman who essays to give advice on the eternal servant girl question suggests that mistress and cook exchange places for just one week. This would be an entertaining experience, particularly if the cook be a daughter of Ham.

Worst of All Experiences.

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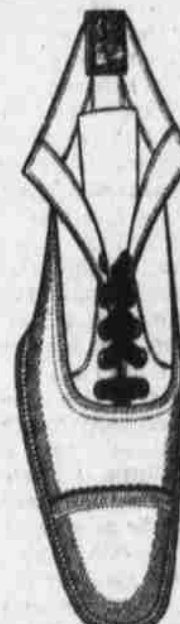
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